

THE HULL HANDBELLS PROJECT

Promoting double-handed change ringing throughout the East Yorkshire region.

Newsletter Number 91, May 1st, 2024.

A full list of Project performances for 2024 is on Bellboard at:

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/event.php?id=18198>

Beverley and District Ringing Society

Kingston upon Hull

33 Westbourne Avenue

Tuesday, 2nd April, 2024 (15 in C)

1320 Kent Treble Bob Minor:

1–2 Barry F Peachey

3–4 Christopher LD Munday

5–6 Peter Church (C)

Dedicated to the memory of Andrew Johnson of Twyford, Hampshire, on the day of his funeral.

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33 Westbourne Avenue

Tuesday, 16th April, 2024 (11 in G)

1260 Plain Bob Minor:

1–2 Barry F Peachey

3–4 Christopher LD Munday

5–6 Neil Turner (C)

In memoriam, Rev. Giles C. Galley, past Chaplain and Trustee of the BRF.

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Tuesday, 16th April, 2024 (18 in G)

1260 Plain Treble Bob Minor:

1–2 Heather LE Peachey

3–4 Karen A Lane

5–6 Peter Church (C)

In memoriam, Rev. Giles C. Galley, past Chaplain and Trustee of the BRF.

Bells 4, 5, & 6 rung to a quarter for the first time

Market Weighton

26 Sancton Road

Friday, 26th April, 2024 (12 in F)

1260 Plain Bob Minor:

1–2 James E Blackburn

3–4 James R Startin

5–6 Neil Turner (C)

Kirk Ella

60 Riplingham Road

Sunday, 28th April, 2024 (15 in C)

1312 Kent Treble Bob Major:

1–2 Karen A Lane

3–4 Alison J Lucas

5–6 Peter Church

7–8 Christopher LD Munday (C)

Rung in memory of our dear friend Hamish McNaughton.

Out and about

The meetings sessions on Tuesdays, alternating between Hull and Kirk Ella, and Fridays in Weighton generate opportunities for a wide variety of method ringing and humour.

Certainly the prospect of ringing parallel Plain Bob Minor on 12 caused some amazement and amusement, even if some of us were challenged beyond our ability.

The meetings with physical bells have been complemented by some handbell stadium sessions. There is a gathering on Discord On Mondays at 19:30 and Fridays at 20:30.

Heather's travels enabled her to ring some spliced surprise minor in hand, that's an achievement for sure!

Locally, methods rung on 6 include Reverse Bob (touch), Little Bob, St Clement's; and on 8 Kent T.B., Duffield, Double Bob, Double Norwich CB, St Clement's.

We marked the passing of Rev. Giles Galley (affectionately Gilley-Galley) with two simultaneous quarters of Plain Bob Minor. Giles spent nine years "ploughing a stony furrow" in North Hull before moving to Strensall. See

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/memoria.php?id=18838>

At the online session on Friday 26th we explored our old friends Sandal TB and Morning Star TB. On the session was Elaine Scott from Sheffield and Timothy Billings known as "Timothy on Arran" owing to his

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location in Lamlash. Timothy is due to become “Timothy from Arran” when he moves to North Lincolnshire. We look forward to meeting him in person.

A good quarter of Kent TB Major marked the anniversary of the passing of Hamish McNaughton. Ringing with Hamish including online during the pandemic, was a real pleasure and we all benefitted from his wisdom and humour. See <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/event.php?id=18863>

Family duties and health issues depleted our numbers at the end of April; this led to a focused session where Heather showed great progress towards the conducting standard for ART’s “Learning the Ropes – Handbells – Level 5”. In the same session we polished up our familiarity with Norwich Surprise Minor.

The Learning Curve

There is a great tendency to ring much too slowly when using computer systems like Abel and Stadium. Start slowly when you are first trying to practice a new method, and get the ringing accurate to the method. But then gradually speed up until you are ringing at handbell speeds.

Ringing too slowly for too long hits you by imprinting conscious control which then disintegrates at the slightest distraction. The sub-conscious brain has a vital role to play in handbell change ringing and needs to be allowed to do its work without interference. There are some learning points on the website.

http://www.pchurch.org.uk/ringing/01_method_ringing/08.02_method_practice.html#solo

The website

All 41 regular surprise methods now have grids and lines and learning and ringing notes, and, joy of joys, a methods table that has links to the website and links to Complib and ringing.info. If you see any errors please drop me a line.

http://www.pchurch.org.uk/ringing/03_methods/06.05_surprise_minor_table.html

Treble Bob and Delights have also been tabulated but the individual methods are not yet so extensively documented.

Peter Church

1st May 2024.